



QUEEN NATALIE'S NECK.

Its Beauty and Symmetry is the Talk of All Europe.

The most beautiful queen of Europe is Natalie of Serbia, and her greatest beauty is her neck. The world has just been let into the secret of the method which has largely enabled her to develop this charming feature.

The queen takes frequent and regular exercise with a heavy pitcher on her head. The result of this is to straighten and strengthen the neck and to give it the form which the highest standard of female beauty requires. Not only does the exercise add to present beauty, but it arrests the ravages which time makes more quickly in the female neck than in any other place.

Natalie is a woman whose career has perhaps been more exciting and picturesque than that of any living occupant of a European throne. Her beauty is of an order that is in keeping with the vigor of her character. Neither amiability nor feminine gentleness enters into the latter to a noticeable degree.

Natalie is now living in the dignity proper to the rank of a queen-dowager, while her husband has a pension, but is not allowed to enter his own country. He spends his money as soon as he gets it in drink and riotous living. The rest of the quarter he lives by begging, borrowing, spongeing and playing cards. The queen, on the other hand, engages in the much more laudable and wholesome employment of preserving her neck and shoulders.

If you could obtain admission to the grounds of the queen's residence near Belgrade, at about eight o'clock in the morning, you would see her majesty taking a brisk walk, with her pitcher on her shapely head. She is accompanied by a dame d'honneur, who is not herself an expert in the art of pitcher-carrying.

Queen Natalie has very abundant black hair and a rich coloring. She is a very finely developed woman. Her figure is very strong and erect and her carriage is perfect, for her favorite exercise tends to develop the latter quality as well as to beautify the neck and shoulders. These are adorable and beyond all criticism. She takes care to dress in a way to show these to the best advantage.

From chin to bust Queen Natalie's flesh has the firmness of marble; although, unlike that substance, it is full



NATALIE AS A WATER CARRIER.

of life and blood. Her head is placed on her shoulders after the manner of Venus of Milo. There are no protruding bones, no wrinkles, no hollows, but neither is there any superfluous fatness. The whole is a beautiful poem of form.

The exercise to which Natalie owes so much of her charm is one which has been practiced by women of the poorer classes in many countries, from the earliest ages. Rachel, it may be remembered, met Jacob when she was going to the well with her pitcher. The women of oriental countries, of Greece and of Italy have always been accustomed to carry pitchers and other burdens on their heads. They have little idea of beautifying themselves when they do this, but, nevertheless, they are doing so.

The American woman who worries about the shape of her neck probably never thinks that its defects are due to lack of proper exercise tending to especially strengthen this part. She may be able, suggests the New York Journal, to profit by the example of the queen of Serbia.

New Conceit in Umbrellas.

Jewels in umbrella handles is a new conceit. It is considered extremely up-to-date to have precious stones set into your parasol stick or umbrella handle, and to cause them to be arranged in all kinds of beautiful designs. When a lady is tired of a rug, all she has to do is to go to her jeweler and commission him to transfer the stones to the umbrella handle.

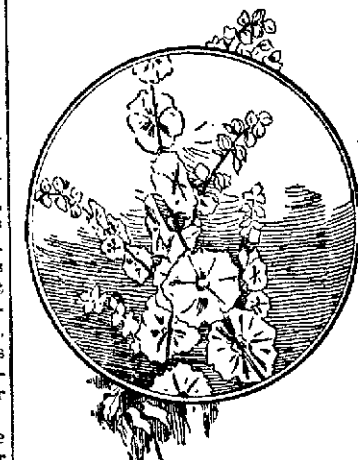
To Make Lace Yellow.

To give cheap white lace the yellowish tinge beloved of artists, steep it for a few minutes in weak tea.

PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

A Plea for the Hollyhock and Other Old-Fashioned Blossoms.

There are fashions in flowers as well as elsewhere, and though one may despise the mere taking up of certain flowers, because it is "the thing," there is still some satisfaction in finding one's old-time favorites, neglected in these later days, being brought to the front and given the appreciation that they honestly deserve, because what starts in a whim of fashion may end in the genuine love for the old-fashioned blossoms, and their continued cultivation long after "the fashion" has bestowed its attention upon some other fad. Some of the old-time favorite flowers have come back to popularity, I hope to stay. Among them all there



BUNCH OF SINGLE HOLLYHOCK.

are none capable of giving more real satisfaction than the single hollyhock that used to grow against the garden wall or fence by the side of grandmother's house. The seedsmen have had a craze for making single flowers double, and for me, at least, they have very nearly ruined some of the old-time beautiful blossoms. They have doubled the beautiful blossoms of the single hollyhock and made a peony of it, much to my distress. This is a kind of improvement that hasn't at all improved, and it is time to call a halt to this tampering with our single flowers. Many single blossoms are much more attractive than they could possibly be doubled, and it is a crime against flower lovers to deprive us of the single blossoms. Give us the old-time favorites and give them to us unchanged from their old-time form and color. Particularly this is to be insisted on in the case of the old-time single hollyhock, for its beauty was of a sort to make its disappearance little short of a calamity.—Orange Judd Farmer.

REMOVING STAINS.

Several Prescriptions Which Are Certainly Worth Trying.

Varnish or paint stains should first be covered with butter or sweet oil, and then rubbed with turpentine. If it is an old stain, the turpentine may be replaced by chloroform, which must, of course, be used with great precaution. Fruit stains will generally yield if you rub according to the grain of the material, with a little salt and water. Sherry will take out claret stains, if they are rubbed gently. Blood stains should be soaked with petroleum, and then washed in warm water. It is said that no stain will resist the following recipe: Put into a large bottle two quarts of clean spring water, add a piece of white amber the size of a walnut, a piece of potash as big as a hazel nut, and two lemons cut into slices. Let it stand 24 hours, then strain and keep it in well-corked bottles. Damp the stain with this preparation and rub the place with fresh water directly afterward.

Finally, try this prescription for taking stains out of silk or cloth: Pound some French chalk until very fine, and mix it with warm water to the thickness of mustard. Put it on the spots, rub it lightly with your finger, or the palm of your hand, then put a sheet of blotting paper or brown paper over the spots and press firmly with a warm iron.—N. Y. Journal.

Creeds and Stationery.

The taste for creeds is increasing, and not content with blazoning it on one's stationery, it is now the mode to have it exquisitely hand-painted on parchment, framed and hung in a conspicuous place in hall or library. For mourning stationery, dead white linen with a narrow black border is the correct style. The very wide black border, which was supposed to gauge the depth of the writer's grief, is quite out of date. For second mourning, pure white paper, with a very narrow border of pale gray or violet, is sometimes used, with monogram or address die in color to match.

Dainties for Feathered Pets.

Canary birds enjoy a change of food occasionally as well as persons do. Hard boiled egg chopped fine, mixed with cracker crumbs and a speck of cayenne pepper, is very good to feed to these pets once in awhile, giving them a small amount at one time. They will reward with their sweetest songs.

For Ink-Stained Fingers.

When pumice stone and lemon are unavailable wet the ends of sulphur matches and rub ink-stained fingers well with them. The spots will soon disappear.

Consolidate the Supreme Court.

Peoria Transcript: The proposition to consolidate the supreme court of Illinois, which is now a peripatetic institution, traveling from Ottawa to Springfield and Mount Vernon and return, has passed the house committee and promises to become a law at this session. The only opposition arises from the unwillingness of Ottawa and Mount Vernon to lose an institution which has proved a certain source of revenue to them, but the manifest advantages which will attend the consolidation of the supreme court at one central point should outweigh any such local and largely mercenary considerations. The system is a relic of early days and bygone conditions, when the days of circuit riding prevailed, and it was felt that this supreme court on wheels would be merely circuit riding on a larger scale and would be to the advantage of the state at large, even if at the inconvenience of the members of the court.

All such considerations have now passed away, however, and it is time the state of Illinois was getting abreast of modern conditions and placing its highest court where it can be of the greatest efficiency to the people and the cause of justice.

Illinois Farmers' Institute Meeting.

The Walworth railroad will sell excursion tickets to Springfield, Ill., at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, from all stations in Illinois from which regular one way tickets are sold, Feb. 23 to 26 inclusive, good returning not later than Feb. 27.

The late general assembly appreciating the great benefits resulting from the holding of Farmers' institutes, passed a law creating the Illinois Farmers' Institute for the purpose of developing a greater interest through said organization in the better cultivation of crops, in the care and breeding of the most profitable type of domestic animals, in extending dairy, husbandry, promoting horticulture, directing attention to the importance of farm drainage, stimulating the spirit of improvement in the construction of public roads and discussing the best methods of general farm management.

Up to date farmers and live stock breeders will be greatly benefited by attending the state farmers' institute meeting to be held at Springfield Feb. 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1897.—10-d&w

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonial free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Gilman Star: The American Express office force here had a "slough" of rabbits to transfer from the Springfield division Tuesday morning for Chicago. There were 1100 of them, weighing a ton and a half. They all came from Bedfordshire and were haggled in a big hunt held near that place the day before.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following typhoid malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work as a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for lung trouble. At West's drug store.

Dr. H. C. Howard, his son, Dr. C. P. Howard, and C. H. Baddeley will leave

Champaign Sunday for New York, and will sail on Wednesday for Bermuda. From there they will go to the West Indies. Their last stop will be made at Jamaica.

A New House.

W. C. Pluck has opened at 109 East North street with a new and strictly first class stock of wall paper. He would be pleased to have his friends give him a call. Old 'phone 670.—10-d&w

Frank Jahr of Urbana, has a book that was printed in Germany in 1682. It has been in the Jahr family for two generations. The book, 2½ inches wide by 4½ long, contains 865 pages, and is bound in hogskin.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lebnan Co.'s.—Jan 29-d&wt

The First Presbyterian church at Lincoln has a boy choir consisting of thirteen little fellows from 10 to 13 years of age, who sing the church music with ease and accuracy to the entire satisfaction of the congregation.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Foul Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

SHORT AND ENTERTAINING.

A Philadelphia grocer has this sign behind his counter: "The man who trusts is out."

A San Francisco beggar pays a boy a dollar a day to wheel him around the streets on his begging trolley. He is made up as a helpless cripple.

A woman in Otsego, Mich., while sorting rags, found among them a dirty-looking envelope. She opened it and discovered therein \$65 in greenbacks.

A milkman in South Bend, Ind., had diphtheria in his family and several of his patrons took the malady. It is asserted that the disease was spread by milk tipples.

A mustard pot which does not require the use of a spoon has been invented in Germany. The mustard is supplied through a little spout by pressure on a spring.

Wesley Dorsey, an aged colored man who was once the slave of Peter Stoffer, of Frederick county, Md., has just been declared the principal heir of his former master, and is to receive \$175,000.

Instead of preaching the usual Sunday evening sermon, a clergyman in Chapman, Kan., commands the attention of his congregation by reading to them instalments of a continued story of which he is the author.

Long before his death, which occurred in 1778, Voltaire predicted that the Bible would be unknown in 100 years. Last year one society in London printed over 4,000,000 Bibles, or about 13,000 for every working day.

A prolonged yawn caused a man in Westwood, Mich., to dislocate his jaw, and for three days he could not close his mouth. Now when he yawns or smiles rather broadly he keeps his hand on his chin, fearing to open his mouth too wide.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by West, Druggist.

The Delavan band boys are making preparations to give a grand concert at Armory hall on the evening of Washington's birthday.

Chicora, Pa., "Herald." Richard Vinsel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vinsel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectation very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

A large barn belonging to Edward Coulter, of Logan county, was burned last week with 3400 bushels of corn, seven tons of hay, machinery, etc., valued at \$900. Insurance \$800.

Something for burns, scalds, chapped hands and lips. Healing for cuts and sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain at once. These are the virtues of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Mr. and Mrs. Vetter, of Chestnut, upon waking last Sunday morning, found their infant son dead in the bed by their side. He had been ill, but was apparently well the evening before.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers. The great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Mr. N. Hurt, of Forrest, has sold his drug store to George Pawley, of Gilman, and will seek a milder climate for the benefit of the health of his family.

Constipation in its worst forms, dyspepsia, sick headache, biliousness and derangement of the liver are readily cured by DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These little pills never gripe. Small pill, safe pill, best pill. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The town of Mackinaw is afflicted with an epidemic of grip, at least forty cases being treated by the physicians, besides those of lighter character.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Lottie Lorraine, the pacing mare that beat Pearl C last year in two or three contests, was sold last week at auction for \$2000. Last year she won nearly \$10,000.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insured recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

While Frank Davis, of Philo, was hauling corn his son, 13 years old, fell from the wagon, the wheels passing over one leg, breaking the bones below the knee.

Lost—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

There are many cases of pneumonia in Pekin.

Great Cost Sale!

Our Invoice shows a large surplus stock of CHOICE GOODS that must be sold. Commencing Monday morning, Feb. 15th, we will make lower prices on all kinds of goods throughout the entire stock than ever named in this city. We want everybody, and especially the ladies, to attend this sale.

Black Satin Duchesse Aida Cloth and Radeimer, best \$1.35 goods go 98c

Best Black Taffeta Silk, worth \$1.25, goes at 89c

All our choice Black Brilliantine, Mohair and Choice Novelties cut in the same manner.

Prints 3½c worth 5c, Prints worth 6½c go at 5c. Best goods made.

Large lot Fleece Lined Wrappers, were \$1.25 and \$1.50, your choice at 98c

All of our Muslin Underwear at Slaughter Prices.

25c Drawers for 19c

Ladies' Muslin Skirts, were 75c and 43c, go at 35 and 50c

Corset Covers, were \$1.00, 75c and 50c, reduced to 35, 50 and 75c

Jersey Ribbed Underwear, 25c kind 19c, 30c kind 40c. Union Suits same reduction.

Cut Prices on Ribbons, Laces, Embroidery.

In our Notion and Fancy Goods we are Cutting Prices. Belts, Pocket Books, Shopping Bags, Side Combs, Hairpins, &c., &c., all at Cut Prices.

We have put our entire stock of Kid Gloves in three lots. If you find the size they are dirt cheap at 50 and 75c.

We urge and desire your attendance at this Sale.

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LOCAL NEWS.

See the home-like play "Shore Acres" tonight at the Grand.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. 25c.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant. —Oct 31st

Good music and good time, at the Baptist Sunday school concert Tuesday evening. Don't fail to go; 10c and 15c. —13-3dt

Wesley Root, a coal heaver at Bement, fell under a freight train yesterday and had both legs crushed. He has a family. Root had attempted to jump on the train. Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

If you want a solid evening's enjoyment go to the Baptist concert Tuesday evening, Feb. 10; 10c 15c —13-3dt

A trial will convince you that Irwin's harmless headache powders are the best.

Conrad Wilkening, of Crote, Will county, is dead. He served as state senator four years ago.

If you want to spend a pleasant evening and get your money's worth to attend the Turners' masque ball Wednesday, Feb. 17. —6-4dt

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Nabun Wheeler, an old and well known resident of Belmont township, Iroquois county, died on last Friday at the age of 94.

The Fullenwider truss cures rupture for sale by the Carrodan Co., 21 Synagogue block. Jan 16-41m

Measles, chicken pox, whooping cough, typhoid fever and mumps are raging at Dewey.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodot's News House. —14-4dt

John Christ, a farmer and dairyman of Bondula, near the upper freshbridge, had a hand torn off by the horse power of a wood saw.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Duffee & Culp. —1-4-4wt

The north side school at Watska has been closed on account of scarlet fever, which appears, however, to be of a mild form.

Make your arrangements to attend the grand masquerade ball at the Turner hall, Wednesday, Feb. 17, only persons receiving invitations will be admitted. Tickets may be obtained from members of the Turnverein. —9-4dt

The engagements ahead for the Good man band orchestra are as follows: Turner hall, Feb. 17; Chevalier Bayard ball, Feb. 10; home minstrels, Feb. 28; opera house, Feb. 28; Oriental ball and show at opera house, Feb. 24; Monticello, Feb. 25; Modern Woodman, No. 144, dance, Feb. 26; opera house, Feb. 27.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 435. M. F. Metz. —31-4dt

It was intended to have an "honorary day" service at Westminster chapel last Sunday in honor of the twenty-four pupils who had attended every Sunday during the year, but owing to the death of R. G. Wells it was postponed. The service will be held tomorrow at 3:15 after the regular Sunday school. Parents and friends of the scholars are invited.

Outing News.

C. H. Gregory visited his parents in Lovington Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell visited in Decatur Thursday and Friday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Pasley on Feb. 10, a daughter.

Frank Pasley and family have moved to this place.

Mrs. Dobson of Kirkville, Mo., is visiting her father, S. M. Britton.

Miss Blanche Walker of Mt. Zion, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Britton, this week.

W. M. Wiles was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Death of Mrs. Maxwell.

Mrs. Evaline S. Maxwell died at 9:40 o'clock p. m., Friday, Feb. 14, at the family residence, 1488 North Edward street. Her daughter, Mrs. Harry C. Stanley, arrived at 7 o'clock last night from New York. Mrs. Maxwell had been in poor health for some time, but the immediate cause of her death was a stroke of paralysis received a week ago last Tuesday. She was born at Taylorville and was 65 years of age. She had been a resident of Decatur for the last twelve years. Her husband, Jacob Maxwell, died last July. She is survived by four children, Charles, Homer and Harry Maxwell of this city, and Mrs. H. C. Stanley of New York. She also has relatives at Taylorville and a brother in Kentucky. Mrs. Maxwell was a Christian woman whose virtues endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. She will be sadly missed. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon. The hour will be announced later.

Accident.

Mrs. E. Bennington, of 712 North Dunham street, met with a serious accident at her home yesterday while engaged in hanging out clothes. She fell heavily while trying to reach the clothes line and severely sprained her back and wrist. Dr. Bovans gave the lady necessary attention.

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THE CIRCUIT COURT.

J. H. Lyon Acquitted on a Serious Charge—Docket Entries.

In the circuit court J. W. Lyon, a resident of the Oklahoma district, had a trial by jury on a charge of incest. He was acquitted as there was no evidence of his alleged guilt.

In the case of LeGrange Smith, a young man, was sentenced to the reform school for robbery.

Peoples' Docket.

William Elliott, grand larceny; stricken with leave.

Gottlieb Rostick, assault to commit murder; same.

John Tombs, assault with intent to rape; same.

Levi Buckingham, burglary and larceny; stricken with leave.

Joseph J. Hirsch, confidence game; same.

Joseph J. Hirsch, obtaining goods under false pretenses; same.

Carl Huber, malicious mischief; same.

Charles Cole, grand larceny; stricken with leave and bail discharged.

Roy Dupav, grand larceny and burglary; stricken with leave.

Frank Abrams, forgery; continued by agreement.

William Whitehead, burglary and larceny; continued with alias.

William N. Hugh, grand larceny; same.

Ruben D. Kelley, abduction; same.

John S. Thayer, grand larceny; by agreement stricken with leave and bail discharged.

Besides this fourteen cases for gambling were certified to the county court for trial.

Chancery Docket.

Milton M. Thorp vs Francis M. Burns, foreclosure; leave to file answer; judgment credited instant; order of 24th set aside.

Johnnie Huddleston vs Leroy B. Huddleston, divorce; appearance of defendant entered in writing.

John M. Gordon vs Michael Doran et al, foreclosure; leave to amend bill and rule to answer by next Monday.

Thomas Hays vs Edward B. Dimock et al, foreclosure; master report approved; cause heard; decree of foreclosure due complainant \$1135.72 and costs, etc.

Sony Williams vs Edward A. Jones et al, foreclosure; receiver's bond \$1000.

Aurora National Loan association vs Rhoda A. Judy et al, foreclosure; decree, pro confesso and referred to master for report.

Isiah Stickle et al vs James Stickle, et al, chancery; leave to withdraw masters report; leave to present new report.

John H. Parker vs Albert T. Summers, chancery; dismissed at costs of complainant.

George W. Drury et al vs Mary C. Lehman et al, partition; dismissed as per stipulation on file.

Decatur Brewing company corporation vs Hannah Sobenck et al, foreclosure; suit dismissed; cost paid.

Milton Northland et al vs Edward L. Pegram et al, injunction; suit dismissed at cost of defendant.

Interstate Building and Loan association vs F. P. Nelson et al, foreclosure; leave to amend prayer of bill instant and rule to answer by next Monday.

PLENTY OF APPOINTMENTS.

Governor Tanner Has Lots of Seekers for Places—All Want Jobs.

Governor Tanner is credited with saying that he has received 1800 pounds of mail during the past two weeks, the last ounce of which was applications and recommendations for office. He says he has had over 4000 applications for the 1500 places. Chicago and Cook county are entitled to one-third the positions and he cannot find room for the horde that is camping on his trail for the other two-thirds. Two hundred and four men have asked to be appointed commissioner of the Chester state prison. He could find room for but three of them. For the Joliet prison he has 208 applications. Ninety-nine preachers desire to be chaplain of the Chester prison and sixty-four desire a similar job at Joliet. Five hundred and forty men wanted to be railroad and warehouse commissioners and he has but three commissions to fill. Other places are demanded in equal proportion.

Death of Mrs. Maxwell.

Mrs. Evaline S. Maxwell died at 9:40 o'clock p. m., Friday, Feb. 14, at the family residence, 1488 North Edward street. Her daughter, Mrs. Harry C. Stanley, arrived at 7 o'clock last night from New York. Mrs. Maxwell had been in poor health for some time, but the immediate cause of her death was a stroke of paralysis received a week ago last Tuesday. She was born at Taylorville and was 65 years of age. She had been a resident of Decatur for the last twelve years. Her husband, Jacob Maxwell, died last July. She is survived by four children, Charles, Homer and Harry Maxwell of this city, and Mrs. H. C. Stanley of New York. She also has relatives at Taylorville and a brother in Kentucky. Mrs. Maxwell was a Christian woman whose virtues endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. She will be sadly missed. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon. The hour will be announced later.

Accident.

Mrs. E. Bennington, of 712 North Dunham street, met with a serious accident at her home yesterday while engaged in hanging out clothes. She fell heavily while trying to reach the clothes line and severely sprained her back and wrist. Dr. Bovans gave the lady necessary attention.

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Postponed.

The big ball and banquet to have been given by Lucullus Council, No. 1, Princes of the Orient, has been postponed until further notice, for reasons best known to the committee, and for the interest of all concerned. The date will be made known as soon as proper arrangements can be made. The killing set for Feb. 20 will not take place until the regular meeting night, March 2d, when there will be new features in abundance.

Captain Stuss Elected Major.

Brigade Major F. O. Danzow of the Uniform Rank of E. of P., has returned from Tuscola, where he presided over the election of a battalion major for the second battalion, second regiment, to fill the place of C. J. Bryan, resigned. Alonzo C. Stuss, captain of Tuscola division, No. 46, was elected battalion major. The companies in the second battalion, second regiment, are Decatur, No. 86; Shelbyville, No. 40; Newman, No. 59, and Tuscola, No. 46.

Caldwell for Commissioner.

Charles M. Caldwell is a candidate for re-nomination for the office of commissioner of highways, subject to the decision of the delegates in the Republican convention. Mr. Caldwell's qualifications for the position are unquestioned. He has been a faithful officer. All know Charles's popularity and also that he is a hustler and a winner on election day. He has hundreds of personal friends who will remember him at the primaries, and if nominated will gladly vote for him at the polls.

Will Quit.

Rev. J. B. Weber, pastor of the Baptist church at Clinton, has given notice that he will retire on March 1. Dr. Weber finds that there are members of his congregation who are not pleased with his style of preaching and so he will quit, going to some other church where the people are not so exacting. Preachers, school teachers and editors always find people to differ with them, especially if the fore-said preachers, school teachers and editors have the courage to express an opinion or the effrontery to condemn evil conduct which comes under their observation.

O. W. Smith for Justice of the Peace.

Elsewhere in these columns today appears the announcement of O. W. Smith as a candidate for justice of the peace.

O. W. Smith has resided in the city a number of years and is an attorney. He is a young man, a sound Republican and is popular among all who know him. His qualifications for the position he seeks are first class and fully prepared to fill the office he seeks with credit to himself and our people. Though he has labored faithfully in the ranks of the party this is the first time he has sought office. He feels that he is justified in his aspirations. If nominated he will be elected.

RECEPTION TO STUDENTS.

Members of the Senior and Junior Classes of the High School Entertained by Ira Clokey.

The members of the senior and junior classes of the high school were delightfully entertained last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Clokey, at the corner of West Prairie and North Edward streets. The guests included the seniors and juniors of the school and the members of the faculty and the board of education, numbering in all about 150. It was the first social event that has been given in honor of the senior class this year and as one which will long be remembered by the young people.

The parlors of the Clokey residence were beautifully decorated for the occasion. The class president, Charles Record, Ira Clokey, Miss Rosa Bachrach and Miss Josephine Rike received the guests. Miss Coolidge and Miss Mabel Gale presided at the frappe bowl and were relieved later in the evening by Miss Freeman and Miss Hubbard.

A short musical program was rendered. There was a piano solo by Miss Beale Lutz, a violin solo by Miss Cordelia Williams, a piano solo by Miss Adele Blackstone and a vocal solo by Miss Blanche Alexander. Instrumental solos were given by Marie Powers and Lucile Bonbrake and the high school glee club sang several songs. The young ladies who assisted in the dining room were light refreshments were served were Misses Cordelia Williams, Adele Blackstone, Nora Graham, Blanche Alexander, Lillian King, Josephine Wagner and Emma Muthersbaugh. The souvenirs were given out by Miss Lockett. One feature of the decoration was a bust of Lincoln which was arranged in a prominent place and handsomely decorated.

Among the teachers and members of the board of education who were present were the following: Misses French, Lockett, Hill, Freeman, Elder, Hubbard, Coolidge, McGorray, Miss Francis and Mabel Gale and Messrs. Sheppard, Westerman, Hamsher and Conradt, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roach, Superintendent and Mrs. E. A. Gastman.

No Rehearsal To-Night.

There will be fifty young men of Decatur in the minstrel part of the entertainment to be given at the Grand Feb. 22. They had a splendid rehearsal at the Harwood residence last night. No rehearsal tonight, but on Monday night every participant should be present. The entertainment will be an exceptionally fine treat in the musical line. Plan to attend.

Dr. G. E. Lee has been re-appointed county physician of Kankakee county at a salary of \$350 a year.

At The Grand.

Shore Acres To-Night.

The play for tonight is "Shore Acres." It is a drama of real life, pure, simple and clean. There is among the characters no polish, none of the suave hypocrisy that is such an important element in society.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Fair south, rain
turning to snow north tonight and Sun-
day; colder west tonight; much colder
Sunday; cold wave northwest; high
south, shifting to northwest winds.

The people everywhere yesterday re-
membered Lincoln, the defender of the
union. The remarkable feature, and that
which is worthy of great consideration,
too, is the fact that the people who were
once engaged actively, or in sympathy
with the rebellion, vied with those who
were loyal to the government in honoring
the name of Lincoln. This should teach
the rising generation the danger and folly
of being governed by political prejudice
instead of good sound political sense and
forethought.

Ex-Senator Edmunds of Vermont, one
of the greatest statesmen and lawyers in
the United States, says that the question
of relieving the business of the country
rests with congress. A judicious tariff
measure, he says, would restore prospe-
rity, and he wants to see it come at the
earliest possible hour an extra session can
put it through. It should be a measure
for the necessary revenue of the govern-
ment, with protection where it will bene-
fit labor. Mr. Edmunds, however, has
some doubts whether the silver senators
will let such a measure go through their
body unless they can receive some legisla-
tion in return that will benefit their
cause. In that case he thinks the admin-
istration will have to look to the gold
Democrats for help. This class of Dem-
ocrats have been as vigorously opposed to
high tariff as the Populist wing have
been favorable to free silver, and the diffi-
culty will be in getting them to vote for a
measure satisfactory to the administration.
Two Democrats who might reason-
ably be counted on are Senator Gorman
of Maryland, and Senator McEnery of
Louisiana. Mr. Gorman was so nearly a
protectionist during the consideration of
the Wilson bill that his own party threat-
ened to read him out, while Mr. McEnery
has emphatically declared since the last
election that he will oppose no measure
which the Republicans will bring forward
to produce the needed revenue. The bill
ought to go through with the aid of these
two Democrats and, falling in that, it
has still a chance for the support of one
or two silver senators.

During the campaign for the nomina-
tion a gentleman speaking to McKinley
of his prospects gave it as his opinion that
McKinley would become weaker as the
convention approached. In reply to this
McKinley said he was convinced that the
people were for him, and, relying upon the
people he believed he would become
stronger as the convention approached.
McKinley was right about it as time dem-
onstrated. The people are still with Mc-
Kinley and the same law will hold good
as to his administration. He will become
stronger. A class of men have come up
to politics in recent years who choose to
disregard the will of the people and to
carry out their ends resort to any
kind of trickery. This is a grave
mistake and in time that sort of
politics and politicians in the Republican
party will be crushed out. In fact that
process has already begun, first, in this
and many other states in overriding them
and securing instructions for McKinley,
and in this state, also, in the election of
W. E. Mason to the United States senate.
McKinley, like statesmen in the earlier
days, has faith in the people. And why
not? This is a government of the people;
and why should they not be allowed full
and free expression at the primaries as to
their choice of candidates? Where the
party settles down to this true and safe
policy, all political machines and so-called
organizations will be stamped out, and
the party will have a legitimate party or-
ganization which will not, at all times, in
the interest of the party instead of in the
interest of men selected by machines in
whom the people have no interest. Then,
instead of a lot of discredited men who
often have no standing in our communi-
ties dictating by trickery the nominations
the people will themselves do it.

One of the deplorable conditions in our
government is the disposition of our peo-
ple, or too many of them, to discount our
institutions and our power. This dispo-
sition has manifested itself in the recent
maneuver of the Atlantic squadron. Be-
cause it passed through a dangerous
storm and there was for a time some con-
cern for its safety there are those who are
ready to intimate that the American navy
is of no particular force. This is a wrong
disposition. American citizens should
cultivate a disposition to stand by every-
thing American and exalt it instead of
discrediting it. We should not put our-
selves in position of needing a war to pull
ourselves together and develop loyalty to

our institutions. A war with any for-
eign power would satisfy our people that
we are strong in every way and that in
any contest we would bring credit upon
ourselves. On the seas we have always
proved ourselves strong. In the war of
1812 the American navy, comparatively
then, numerically was as much weaker
than the British navy as it is now, but
the result of the campaign on the seas
was greatly in favor of the American
navy and so it would be again. The
American navy today in case of a conflict
would blow the Spanish navy out of the
sea in a little while and yet we have peo-
ple debating in their minds whether we
would be able to cope with Spain just as
there were those a few years ago who
were willing to entertain a suspicion that
Chill would give us a hard run. This
disposition is all wrong. Americans to
be true to their country must stand by
America.

Fullness of Time for Cuba.

New York Sun: We do not suppose
that the Hon. Grover Cleveland will be
regarded as a high authority on the exist-
ing condition of Cuba, or on the duty of
congress toward that island. Yet there
was one sentence in his message to con-
gress at the opening of the present session
which may well be considered by that
body, now that the session is drawing to
a close.

"When the inability of Spain to deal
successfully with the insurrection has be-
come manifest, and it is demonstrated
that her sovereignty is extinct in Cuba
for all purposes of its rightful existence,
and when a hopeless struggle for its re-
establishment has degenerated into a
strife which means nothing more than a
useless sacrifice of human life and utter
destruction of the very subject of the
conflict, a situation will be presented in
which our obligation to the sovereignty
of Spain may be superseded by higher ob-
ligations which we can hardly hesitate to
recognize and discharge."

The question for congress is whether
that time has not already come. Is not
Spain's inability to deal successfully with
the insurrection already demonstrated?
Is anything but a sacrifice of life and a
destruction of property possible with a
continuation of the war? Is not Spain's
task hopeless? If so, even by Mr. Cleve-
land's own confession, we have other du-
ties to perform than that of bolstering up
Spain's sovereignty in the island, as he
has sought to do. His attempt to sub-
stitute homo rule under the Spanish yoke
for independence has resulted in a failure.
Will the fifty-fourth congress come to an
end without performing the duty plainly
resting upon it in this state of affairs?

CONVOY TRAIN DYNAMITED.

Fifty Prisoners Taken and a Guerrilla
Butcher Put to Death.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 13.—Major Luis
Loran captured a Spanish convoy train
near Artemisa, province of Pinar del Rio,
Monday, and fifty prisoners. He did it
all without the loss of a man, one Cuban
being slightly injured. Hearing that the
train was on the way, he mined the road-
bed and, as the train came up, exploded
the mine, blowing up the engine and the
armored car and three other passenger
cars. As the wrecked train rolled down
the embankment his troops poured in a
hot fire and the terrified Spanish soldiers
immediately bung out the white flag.
Sixteen were killed in the wreck, includ-
ing the engineer and fireman and two
Spanish officers. The Spanish troops
were so demoralized that they did not
fire a dozen shots at the Cubans.

Among the prisoners was the notorious
guerrilla captain, Mazretto, who is ac-
cused of murdering more than 100 peo-
ples in that province. As soon as Loran's
men saw him they seized him, and, de-
spite their officer's command, literally
hacked him to pieces. The other prison-
ers were released the next day and sent to
Artemisa. In the train were provisions
and some arms.

Sonora Marito, the beautiful daughter
of a captain in the insurgent army, was
captured by the Spanish near Matanzas
Tuesday. She is now closely confined in
the worst prison in the place, with negro
malefactors of all kinds. The United
States consul there has been asked to ac-
cure relief for her. She is well known to
General Lee's family.

J. W. Cramer of Austin township has
made a bill of sale of horses and farming
utensils to Z. W. Woolley, consideration
\$400.

In nearly all of the schools of the city
on Friday exercises in memory of Lincoln
were held.

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MILLIONS ARE STARVING.

Famine and Plague Are Decimat-
ing India's Population.

Thousands of Poor Human Creatures Are
Dying by the Roadside, and Thousands
of Others Are Killed by Lethal
Some Disease.

(Special Letter.)

No pen can picture the distress which
is at present prevailing in the famine
districts of India. Conservative esti-
mates place the number of people who
are already dependent on charity at
40,000,000; and 50,000,000 more will have
to be assisted before new crops can be
gathered in April. It was estimated
that the last great famine in India (1877-
78) swept off 5,000,000 human beings.
The great calamity of 1896-97 may
claim as many. Not until January 4
did the British government volunteer
an official announcement of the exist-
ence of the famine, thus preventing the
taking up of contributions in foreign
lands and materially adding to the hor-
rors of the situation in the blighted
districts. Relief funds are now being
raised all over the world and the British
government is doing heroic work to al-
leviate the sufferings of the natives.
But the appearance of the bubonic
plague among the vast multitude of un-
fortunates threatens to increase the al-
ready fearful death rate, to say nothing
of the ever-present danger that the ter-
rible disease may be carried to Europe
or America. The plague first manifest-
ed itself at Bombay and at once led to
rioting and a wholesale exodus of the
European and well-to-do native popu-
lation. Over night business became
paralyzed, and in the space of 48 hours
the plague was carried to Karachi, Poon-
na and Bandra, where the migrating
hosts sought refuge. Hundreds of
deaths occur daily at Bombay and in the
camp of Andheri, located but a short

one time Sweden's minister of foreign
affairs. After her husband's death the
countess lived for six years in the house-
hold of Mme. Blavatsky, and became fa-
miliar with the social and economic con-
ditions of India, the alleged home of
theosophy and other cesteric philoso-
phies.

According to her views, the stories of
the sufferings of the people of India
from famine and pestilence cannot be
exaggerated. They are, she says, des-
perately poor and have absolutely no
resources, there being nothing in the
way of products in the northern prov-
inces but wheat, and nothing in the
south but rice. When there is drought
in the north there is no harvest, and
as the people cannot raise enough one
year to provide their bread for the next
there is intense suffering. When the
rains are excessive there is failure of
the rice crop in the south.

Government, thinks the countess, has
sucked the substance out of India. If
a young English boy goes out there
and takes a position by the side of a
native and capable Indian, the gov-
ernment gives the boy four times the
pay it gives the Indian for the same
service. And that one instance, she
thinks, illustrates the whole treatment
which the British bureaucracy ac-
cords the people of India.

Reverting to the agricultural re-
sources of the country, the countess
alluded once more to the fact that in
the immense region known as North
India nothing but the wheat harvest
can be depended upon. And wheat has
been grown for centuries on the same
soil, with never a hint of fertilizing.
The manure that is used as fertilizer
in more favored countries there is saved
and dried for fuel. It is the only fuel
the common people have, there being
no coal, and wood is out of the ques-
tion owing to its cost. Consequently
the land has been growing poorer from
year to year. Famines are recurring
with increasing frequency and will con-

tinue so until the end, the country be-
ing too large to be saved by any process
of artificial fertilizing and the popula-
tion too numerous to be moved away.

Friends in India have just informed
the countess that every road leading
from the cities reveals scores of dead,
uncared for and in plain sight of the
passers, thousands of whom are them-
selves as thin as their shadows and hard-
ly able to drag themselves along. The
seriousness of the situation is further
emphasized by the fact that the lead-
ers of the Indian people direct those
who are trying to relieve them to give
no thought to the old men and women,
but to save the young so that the people
may not perish from the face of the
earth.

In spite of the criticisms of Countess
Wachtmeister and other eminent per-
sons, however, it must be admitted that
the British government is leaving nothing
undone to assist its Indian subjects.
Vast building, canal and irrigation en-
terprises, which give employment to
1,500,000 persons, have been inaugurated
and will be prosecuted to completion.
The wages paid are, of course, ridicu-
lously low, but sufficient to keep the
men employed and their immediate fam-
ilies from starving, thus indirectly sav-
ing thousands of lives. Moreover, the
irrigation plants in process of construc-
tion will contribute largely toward rob-
bing dry seasons of their terror and in-
suring fairly remunerative wheat crops.
In the south of India drainage chan-
nels are to be built, to minimize the
dangers now resulting from profuse
rain falls.

The beneficent results of these pub-
lic works will, however, not be felt for
some time to come. In the meantime
the starving millions of human beings,
many of whom are intelligent and
scholarly, are dependent on the charity
of their fellowmen. Contributions are
pouring into India from every civilized
country, the most liberal offerings com-
ing from private sources in Russia. The
latter fact has aroused some political
antagonism in Great Britain although
why the average American, who is apt
to look on the purely humane side of
such a deplorable picture as the Indian
famine, cannot understand. The fear
evidently entertained by many English
jingoos that Russia is trying to under-
mine British influence in India seems
without foundation when one thinks
of the liberality with which Russia has
always come to the succor of suffering
humanity. Inasmuch as conservative
estimates place the number of those
who have already died from starvation
and the plague, and those who will
probably die before April, at 1,500,000,
hostile political comments on the gen-
erosity of another nation seem absurd.

The sanitary authorities of Europe
and the United States are taking ample
precautions to keep the plague confined
to Asia. Vessels arriving from Bombay
and other Indian ports are overhauled
with commendable care and disinfected,
and should the epidemic continue to
spread in India stringent quarantine
regulations will be enforced.

G. W. WEIPPERT.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA—ALMOST AS THIN AS HIS SHADOW.



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distance from the Indian metropolis.
The native physicians have nearly all
left Bombay, silence prevails in the fa-
mous bazaars, and nothing is left to
add life to the scene except the heroic
English doctors, who have remained at
their post to fight the pestilence, and
the British garrison which is called upon
to maintain order among the frightened
and turbulent natives.

The bubonic plague is said, by medi-
cal men, to be more terrible than
cholera. It affects the glands of the
neck, armpits, knees or the groin, and
is accompanied by high fever. The pain
endured by its victims is excruciating
and stragely debilitating, death giving
relief within 24 or 36 hours. Eighty
per cent. of those attacked succumb;
ten per cent. remain weakened for life,
and ten per cent. recover completely.
Like other epidemics, the bubonic
plague thrives on filth, and is hard to
control in communities where no at-
tention is paid to sanitation. A peculiar
feature is that the germs of the disease
are transmitted by rats, ants and other

creatures, millions of which are killed
by it, their remains carrying contagion
from one part of the city to another.
Many of the British officials at Bombay
are of the opinion that the only way
to eradicate the plague is to drive the
remaining natives from their quarters
and burn every building inhabited by
them. Disinfection has proved entirely
useless. The native district could be
rebuilt in six weeks under proper sani-
tary conditions, and purification by
fire being the only effective method of
destroying the germs, the expense to be
incurred would really be a splendid
permanent investment.

Humanitarians in all countries are
at present engaged in sending relief
to the Indian sufferers and, incidentally,
discussing the causes which led up
to the present state of affairs. Among
them none is more competent to give
an intelligent judgment than Countess
Constance de Wachtmeister, head
of one of the branches of the Theo-
sophical society, who is at this time
visiting friends in Chicago. The countess
was the most intimate friend of the
late Mme. Blavatsky, founder of the
theosophy, and is the widow of Count
Wachtmeister, who was for years a
Swedish diplomat of prominence, and at

one time Sweden's minister of foreign
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COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS.

Teachers' Meeting—List of the Prizes at the Farmers' County Institute.

The following will be the program at the Macon county teachers' meeting to be held on Saturday, Feb. 27:

Song.

Arithmetic for March, 7th year—R. E. Davidson.

Geography for seventh month—W. A. Phillips and Marie Macpherson.

Observation work, seventh month—J. H. Coonrad.

Physiology, the eye—Dr. W. A. Dixon.

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Centrals.

Centrals were held at Harriestown, fifty: Blue Mound, forty-one; Argenta, fifty-five; Boody, sixty.

Program of centrals next week are Forayth, Maroa, Prairie chapel, Bethel and White at Orona.

Final examination held at the high school on Saturday, March 13.

Farmers' Institute Premiums.

The following awards and prizes were given by the committee appointed to examine the papers of the rural schools of Macon county displayed at the farmers' institute Feb. 9, 10, 11, 1897.

Pennmanship—1st Prize, School News, by C. M. Parker to Elwin school; teacher, Mae Hopkins.

Second prize, Uncle Tom's Cabin by Chodas' news house, to Magee school; teacher, Amy Hoffman.

Observation—First prize, school, News, by C. M. Parker, to Burklely school; teacher, Lizzie Pettyjohn.

Second prize, pupils' lesson leaf to each seventh year pupil by John Trainer to Peru school; teacher, S. S. Mountz.

Drawing—First prize, Harmony school, premium School News by C. M. Parker, W. J. Scott, teacher.

Second prize, Pleasant View school, sketches by Box, by City book store; teacher, Mattie Carney.

Current Events—First prize, Boody school, premium, Ruby and Ruth, by Wallace book store; John F. Wicks, teacher.

Second prize, Davis school taught by Mame Chamberlain, premium, Werner's series of geography by Werner Book Co.

Geography—First prize, Boody school, taught by John F. Wicks; premium, Boys of Ireland, by Bargain book store.

Second prize, Eldorado school, taught by W. A. Phillips, premium, Geography of North America, by J. F. Wicks.

Neatness and General Appearance—First prize, Mt. Zion, school, taught by E. W. Slater, premium, McClure's Magazine one year, by John E. King, druggist.

Second prize, Blue Mound school, taught by D. S. Elliott, premium, Following the Flag, by Saxton book store.

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It having come to the knowledge of the editor of the Cayuga County Independent of Auburn, that Rev. N. Wayne Wolcott, pastor of Baptist Church, of Fleming, N. Y., had been cured of nervous prostration by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, he sent a reporter to that town to ascertain from Mr. Wolcott the truth of the report, and receive from his own lips a statement of his case and how he had been benefited.

The reporter found Mr. Wolcott to be a gentleman some 40 or 45 years of age, in good health, and active in his ministerial duties. He is highly esteemed as a pastor and a citizen, and is a gentleman of strict integrity, whose statements can be implicitly relied upon as truthful in every respect and devoid of exaggeration. In reply to questions as to the truth of the report that he had been benefited by Pink Pills he made the following statement: "Eight years ago while pastor of the Baptist Church in Covert, N. Y., I was stricken with nervous prostration. During the winter of 1887-8, I had conducted revival services and delivered a series of lectures in addition to my work as pastor and became completely run down. I could not work, and felt as though my days were numbered. I tried a doctor, but did not receive much aid from him.

At this time I received a call from the church at Tully, N. Y. At first I determined not to accept it, for I knew that in my weak condition I could not do the work. But hoping against hope, I finally decided to try and accordingly went there. My health continued to fail and I grew weaker, and I thought I would have to give up entirely my work for God, which I love. Just then, however, the sun broke through the clouds. Mr. Tallman, of Tully, whom I shall always remember as a benefactor, recommended me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He had tried them and they had done him good. As a last resort I tried them. The effect was wonderful and immediate. From the very first box my system began to tone up, my blood became rich, and once more I became the strong and vigorous man I was before my health failed.

My labors, if you know of the labors of a country parson, you can readily believe were very heavy. I had not been able to work, and was losing my interest in the cause of Christ, but like magic my old vigor returned and for three more years I labored there and raised \$4,000 toward building up the church in addition to my regular duties. All my friends say of me that I am a very hard working man, but in Covert I would not work. After I went to Tully and the pills had restored my health, I think I may say that I merited that name. For three or four years after I left Tully I did evangelistic work. Two years ago I came home. Since then I have never had any return of my old trouble, but am in good health, strong and active, with no symptom of nervous prostration, which was caused by overwork. It is a homely expression, but I like a 'wring-out' dish-cloth without any starch in it.

I owe my present good health to Pink Pills and want most heartily to commend the magic remedy to every one troubled with nervous prostration or physical weakness. As a parting remark Mr. Wolcott said: "I have often thought that in return for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me, I would like to become a medical missionary to make known their merits."

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Through Sleeping Car daily from St. Louis to Jacksonville via Illinois Central and Birmingham and Atlanta, Ga. Sleeping Car Service in connection therewith from Chicago and from Sioux City.

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TOUR OF ALL MEXICO...

Via the Central Route, under the auspices of the American Tourist Association, will leave Chicago, Monday, January 19th, 1897, FEBRUARY 1st, 1897. Tickets include all expenses, Pullman sleeping and dining-car fares, hotels, carriages, etc.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans

March 1st and 2d, 1897.

Announcement of reduced rates for this occasion will be made in due season, part of which can be learned of your home agent.

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From January to May, 1897, inclusive, at One Fare for the Round Trip, plus \$2.00. To certain points south from St. Louis and St. Paul, Minn., inclusive on the 1st and 3rd of January, and on the 1st and 3rd of February, 1897. Tickets include all expenses, Pullman sleeping and dining-car fares, hotels, carriages, etc.

WEST AND SOUTHWEST

on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Tickets and full information concerning all of these excursions can be obtained from the Central Route Ticket Office, 121 East William Street, Chicago.

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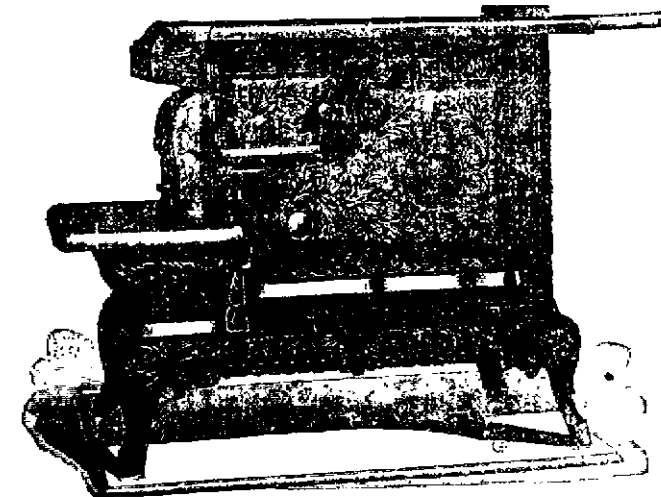
To Sell Goods at a Loss.

That is what we are doing, but sell we must and sell we will. We want money bad enough to sell goods at a loss. We mean to make a clean sweep of it. Talk is cheap but come and get our prices, and then you can tell what is what. Never did the people of Decatur get a chance to buy good goods at such prices before, so

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1,500 of them in use in Decatur and vicinity and every one of them satisfactory. This stove has all the latest improvements. Fire-lined Oven Door, Oven Door Shelf, Back and Side Shelf, Oven Door Opener, Nickel Towel Rod, Heavy Loose Base—in fact a stove that is as good as many stoves sold for \$50.00 more money. Remember, every stove fully warranted.

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Female diseases yield to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once. Inflammation, ulceration, falling and displacement of the womb, ovarian troubles, spinal weakness and kidney complaints, all have their symptoms, and should be "nipped in the bud." Bearing-down pains, backache, headache, nervousness, pains in groins, lassitude, whites, irregularities, dread of impending evil, blues, sleeplessness, faintness, etc.

Here is testimony right to the point: "The doctors told me that unless I went to the hospital and had an operation performed, I could not live. I had falling, enlargement and ulceration of the womb."

"I was in constant misery all the time; my back ached; I was always tired. It was impossible for me to walk far or stand long at a time. I was surely a wreck. I decided that I would give your Compound and Sanative Wash a trial."

"I took three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and used two packages of Sanative Wash, and I am now almost well. I am stouter and healthier than I have ever been in my life. My friends and neighbors and the doctors are surprised at my rapid improvement. I have told them all what I have been taking."

—MRS. ANNETTA BICKMEYER, Bellaire, Belmont Co., O.

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MACON.

In the Circuit Court.

The Loan and Homestead Association, complainant, vs. Bartlett Clark et al., defendants, in Chancery—No. 15726.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macdon County, the estate of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the September term of said court, A. D. 1896, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will, on

Saturday, March 13, 1897, at the hour of twelve o'clock p. m., of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the city of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: Lots Five (5) and Eight (8) in Block One (1) in LeFors & Patterson's Addition to the City of Decatur in Macdon County, Illinois.

Terms of Sale:—\$50 cash in hand on day of sale, and the balance in twelve months, deferred payment to be secured by approved personal security and a mortgage on the premises sold, and to bear interest at 6 per cent. from day of sale.

Dated at Decatur, Ill., this 13th day of February, A. D. 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.

Shelley Bros., Complainant's Solicitors.

Feb. 12, 1897.

VANDALIA LINE EXCURSIONS.

The Vandalia Passenger Line direct line to Washington, D. C. Reduced rates to the inauguration March 1, 2 and 3. Leaves Decatur at 8 a. m., arrives at Washington 1:25 a. m.—only one night out—24 hours.

Mardi Gras at New Orleans, March 1st and 2nd, 1897. Announcement of reduced rates on this occasion will be made in due season.

Tour of all Mexico via the Central route, under the auspices of the American Tourist Association, will leave Chicago Feb. 27, 1897. Tickets include all expenses, Pullman sleeping and dining-car fares, hotels, carriages, etc.

California via New Orleans. Pullman buffet sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from Chicago connecting with the Southern Pacific's "Sunset Limited" for Los Angeles and San Francisco. Pullman buffet sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night without change from Chicago to San Francisco.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Winter tourist rates now on to points south, southwest and southeast.

Winter tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal winter resorts in the south and southwest.

Messengers' excursions to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest, on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at one fare plus \$2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop orders granted on going trip.

To Indianapolis, Ind., on account of the Superintendent of National Educational Association, Feb. 12, 18, 15.

For rates, time of trains, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. & A. or W. L. Smith, ticket agent, Union Depot, Decatur, Ill.

Telephone 573.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip. Tickets good going Saturday afternoon and returning Monday morning.

Winter Tourist Rates are now on to points south and southwest.

Settlers' Half Fare rates to points south every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Take the new Daily Special for Chicago and St. Louis—Solid Daily Special.

City Ticket Office removed from 110 Library Block to 121 East William Street, directly across the street. Telephone, New No. 36; Old No. 480. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New.

P. D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Sunday excursion rates on all points on the P. D. & E. line round trip. Tickets good returning on day of sale.

Winter tourist rates now on to points south, southwest and southeast.

One way settlers' rates to points south every first and third Tuesday of each month. Very low.

Good connections at Peoria for Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado points; at Mattoon with Big Four for Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and eastern points; at Evansville for all Southern and Florida points.

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Call on or address W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Postwell, 121 East William Street.

THE POET'S CORNER.

"Where Are the Children?"

One asks: "Pray, where are the children?" The rosy-cheeked girls and boys, With their simple ways and their old-time plays, And their jubilant laughter and noise."

And Echo says: "Where are the children?" The girls so gentle and fair; The boys so gentle and fearless; Will nobody make reply?"

O, the dear old-fashioned children, Who made the daisies ring, Who trampled the daisies meadows, Or soared in the breathless swing—

Who sauntered along at school time, Lovers in children's guise— The boy with his brown cheeks blushing, The girl with her downcast eyes.

He carried her books and basket, He helped her over the stream; Often in years of manhood, Did he think of that first, sweet dream.

Now there is plenty of mincing, And frolic in small degree; But the charming old-time children, Alas! Shall we ever see? —Christian Herald.

If You Should Go.

If you should go, The light would fade from out my sky, And day be darkened suddenly; The still streets would be silent, And the world would be a dreary, cold, And bring no sense of rest.

Upon its breast: The blue of distant hills Would cease to charm; The music of the hills Would be no more; The joy of solitude No more seem good; No beckoning heights would lie Merged in the distant sky; Where one might aspire; Where wings would tire; Your garden which has been The scene Of oft-repeated dream, Would be a mockery; The flowers would droop and fall; The "Spirit" gone from all; And song would silence be That lives of thee —Elizabeth Gibson, in St. Paul's.

Worth a Million.

I would not wed for money, No, indeed! No mercenary motive In my creed.

For love knows naught of riches— Knows no cares; With his magic wand he makes us Millionaires.

So, the world is mine, and all that It may hold Of love and joy, so what care I for gold?

I would not wed for money, 'Twere a sin To let a thought of "profit" Enter in.

But the dear girl that I've asked to Be my bride, She is wealthy, and by gold is Glorified.

So, I love her for her wealth—of Inner virtue, curls, And because she's worth a million— Other girls —The Adorer, in Town Topics

"Pa Never Does."

"I don't know why I have to tote In my hand 'n' help ma 'round, 'N' fix ter gate, 'n' gear ter horse, 'N' sweep leaves off ter ground. I don't get any time ter play; It's getting wuss and wuss, I wonder why I have ter work? —Pa never does!"

"He" sets 'round 'n' smokes 'n' reads "N' kids after ter notice, 'N' I don't get ter holler none Like other people's boys, Ma says she'll make a man of me; 'Gee! don't I wish I wuz! I guess men don't have much ter do; —Pa never does!"

"But ma says I'm her chum, 'n' when We get our work all done She reads ter me 'n' tells me tales, 'N' we have lots of fun, Last night I hugged 'n' kissed her good —Nobody knowed but us; 'N' then ma cried, 'I bet 'twas cause —Pa never does!"

A Cycle Song.

O what's so fair, O what's so rare, O what's so truly pleasant, As thus to ride o'er prairies wide, Past haunts of grove and pleasant, Where grassy bend and rivers wind A-down their pebbly courses; Past fern and flower and where the power Is seen of God's great forces.

I sing my song and speed along As light as zephyrs blowing, My silent sled has greater speed Than ring-dove homeward going. No rein to guide, no aid to child; No rein to guide, no aid to child; O faithful wheel, my greatest need Thou art and no denying.

And then a-down the hill to town, Where thou shalt rest, my treasure, The while I meet with her, my sweet, For one short hour of pleasure. Then backward speed, on thee my steed, Past fern and flower and river, Fast fern and flower and may these days Be mine for aye and ever. —Lalla Mitchell, in Housekeeper.

Hints for the Million.

There was a man in our town, About a giant's size, Who nearly starved to death, because He wouldn't advertise.

And, when he weighed but 40 pounds, He wrote an "ad," and published it, And now he's fat again! —Cleveland Leader.

The Wonderful Land of Sleep.

Oh, innocent sleeper, dreaming there In the languorous depths of your easy chair, In your cheeks' deep roses, with slumber soft, And your small hands twisted and thrown aloft,

Behind your lids lies a wonderful land, With starry heavens and golden strand; And always it shines through your slumber deep! 'Tis the beautiful, wonderful land of sleep.

Oh, innocent sleeper, resting there, With a lily white in each cheek so fair; With your small hands clasped on your pulseless breast, And your sweet lips closed in a trance of rest;

Behind your lids lies a wonderful shore, So fair that you never will leave it more, Though vainly we sorrow, and mourn, and weep! 'Tis the beautiful, wonderful land of sleep.

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PERSONALS.

On unavailing a bust of himself at the London Grand hall lately the duke of Cambridge, after looking at it, said, sadly: "It will remain after I have gone."

Mrs. Thomas D. Calkins, San Francisco, in the last few years has invented 27 household articles, among the number a baking-pan, with adjustable partitions, a pinless clothes rack and a self-adjusting towel ring.

According to Melton Prior, the noted war correspondent, who has just returned from South Africa, Dr. Jameson is still the most popular man in Rhodesia. In the same way, Barney Barnato is the most popular man in the Transvaal.

The late Sir Richard Burton's translation of the "Arabian Nights" was sold out in ten days and brought \$50,000, upon which he and wife lived royally for five years. At his death but two dollars remained of the sum, and Lady Burton deposited it in the poor box of her church.

It is a singular fact that while the primate of all England stands next to the royal family in rank, his wife remains plain "Mrs.," and yields precedence to the spouse of every newly-knighted grocer or brewer. The same thing is true of the wife of each and every bishop of the established church. He is a lord bishop, but his wife is only Mrs. So-and-So.

In a recent letter to the Harvard club, of San Francisco, President Eliot wrote of the late Profs. Whitney and Child: "Whenever we lose men of such eminence it always seems as if it were impossible to fill the vacant places, and indeed just the same places are never filled. The work which these two men did is not to be done again, and their opportunities will not occur again."

ON THE FARM.

In England there is a variety of sheep called the long wool Devon. It is becoming popular, and at the late spring stock shows the displays of this family of sheep were particularly interesting. The Devon is not mentioned in the older sheep books, but is coming to be highly prized. It belongs properly in rich lowland regions that are sheltered.

It is the imperative duty of the good shepherd to save his flock from those exasperating flies which torment the sheep by laying eggs on the nostrils. These produce the grubs which are found in the nasal sinuses, often killing the sheep by the irritation they cause. The simple remedy is to keep the noses of the sheep tared in any possible way.

The roads would be much better if wide tires were used on all wagons, as they do not cut up the roads, but rather serve to pack the gravel. The state of Pennsylvania has a law exempting from certain taxes those who use wide tires, and as metal wheels are largely coming into use it is probable that in the future nearly all wagons will have wide tires.

After the first few weeks of their lives ducks are the hardest of all tows, rarely if ever infected with lice or vermin, and never subject to disease. It allowed a good range they will nearly keep themselves, even if they destroy your garden to do it. They are susceptible to heat, and while growing should have plenty of shade, where they can run at pleasure.

PEOPLE ABROAD.

An English journal says that Queen Victoria has been a total abstainer for three years.

The Austrian minister, Hengenmuller von Hengervar, has taken possession of his new residence, formerly known as the Yule house, on Connecticut avenue, Washington.

Sir Edward Clarke, the eminent English barrister, is said to have an income of \$100,000 a year from his law practice. His fee for defending Mrs. Castle, the wealthy Californian who was accused of shoplifting, was \$5,000.

The late Sir John Shane, who died in 1836, devised a number of pictures and statues, etc., to the Sloane museum. He also left three sealed cupboards, to be opened by his executors in 1866, 1886 and 1904. The last one was opened a few days ago, and, much to the chagrin of the executors, who expected to make a valuable find, it was, like the two previous cupboards, empty of all but valueless papers.

FARM FIGURES.

The present season's crop of cotton in Egypt promises to surpass all previous years in quality.

Up to 1893 grapes were raised in China for the table only. Since then experiments have been made in making wine, which resulted very successfully.

The government statist of Victoria estimates the wheat yield of the colony at 7,000,000 bushels, a quantity which he considers sufficient for local wants.

The annual "cattle crop" of New South Wales is about 400,000, with an annual consumption in Sydney of 110,000 head. The Queensland "cattle crop" is about 1,000,000 head, with an annual consumption of about 50,000 head.

BIG FIGURES.

According to the computation of Villapandus the cost of Solomon's temple was \$77,521,965,636.

The population of the earth at the time of Emperor Augustus is estimated at 54,000,000. It is estimated now to be 1,400,000,000.

Mullhall estimates the number of individuals who emigrated from Europe in 73 years, 1816 to 1888, at 27,200,000. Of these 15,000,000 came to the United States.

It is calculated from Revelations, 21:16, that there is ample room in Heaven for 297,000,000,000 people, or as many as the world would produce in 100,000 centuries.



Insanity is the horrible dream of the night perpetually present during the day. Insanity in women is often due to disease of the organs distinctly feminine than to any other cause. The insane asylums of the country are full of women whose carelessness of their health in this particular line has sentenced them to a life that is less desirable than death. The weakness or shock that causes such insanity is frequently the result of childbirth. At the time when a woman's greatest usefulness should begin she is taken away from her duties, and from those she loves, and for months, or years, or forever is shut away from them by the bolts and bars of a hospital. Such things are absolutely unnecessary. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will prepare women for the trying time of parturition so that there will be no danger and comparatively little pain. It is the only medicine in the world that will accomplish this purpose. It is the only medicine of its kind devised by a regularly graduated, experienced and skillful specialist in the treatment of the diseases of women. It will cure any weakness or disease of the feminine organs. It strengthens and pur

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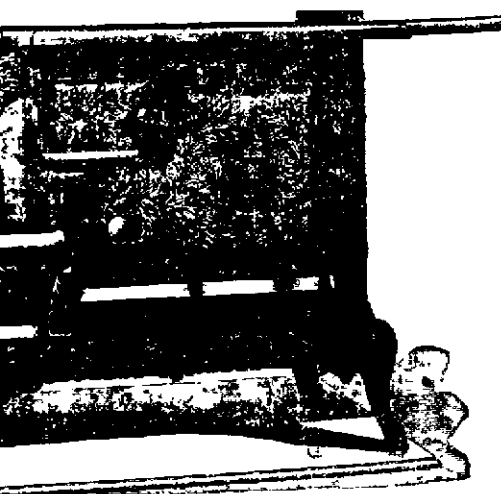
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From the Independent, Auburn, N. Y.
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tion. During the winter of 1887-8, I had
confused cerebral seizures and delivered a
series of lectures in addition to my work as
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improve and I grew weaker, and I thought I
would have to give up entirely my work for
God, which I love. Just then, however, the
man he through the clouds Mr. Tal-
man of Tully whom I shall always re-
member as a benefactor, recommended me
to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He had
tried them and they had done him good. As
a last resort I tried them. The effect was
immediate and immediate. From the very
first day my system began to tone up, my
strength increased and once more I became
the strong and vigorous man I was before
my illness.

"Yes, sir, if you know of the labors of
a sturdy man, you can readily believe,
were very heavy. I had not been able to
work and was losing my interest in the
cause of Christ, but like magic my vigor
returned and in three more years I labored
successfully in a church in addition to my regular duties.
All my friends say of me that I am a very
hard working man, but in Corvett I could
not do it. After I went to Tully and the
pills had started my health, I think I may
say that I have been in the best of health
for four years after I left Tully. I did evangelize
work. Two years ago I came here. Since
then I have never had a return of my old
illness. I am in good health, strong and
active with no symptom of nervous prostra-
tion which was caused by overwork. It is
a new expression, but I feel like a
young man with all the vigor of youth.

"I have my present good health to Pink
Pills and what most heartily to commend
them to every one troubled with
nervous prostration or physical weakness."

As a parting remark Mr. Wolcott said: "I
have in the light that in return for what
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me,
I will do all in my power to make a medical mission-
ary to those who need them."

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Rolly Springs] FLORIDA

Route to

Through Sleeping Car daily from St. Louis to
St. Paul, via Chicago, Decatur, and Springfield.
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A MICHIGAN MAN'S ENTHUSIASTIC ENDORSE-
MENT OF DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

From the Times and Express, Adrian, Mich.

Mr. Simpson is the owner of the Simpson
Block on Main Street and a prominent young
man of Morenci, Michigan.
In the spring of 1893, Mr. Simpson's health,
which had heretofore been characterized by
the utmost ruggedness, began slowly, at first
almost unnoticeably to fail him. The first
symptom he experienced was an unaccount-
able loss of his appetite. His weight, which
had averaged 175 pounds for a number of
years, began slowly to decline. He became
a subject of the blues and his days were made
miserable by an almost constant headache.

As the case progressed the symptoms be-
came more marked, plainly indicating a
radical disorder of the functions. He be-
came nervous and depressed, his skin
became dry and harsh, a heavy, dragging
pain in the region of the kidneys
trouble pronounced the nature of the
trouble. His condition, although repeatedly
unimproved, seemed to be getting worse.

He consulted and was treated by expert
medical men, and at periods felt better.
The encouraging changes, however, were
deceptive. He lost hope, he believed himself
to be on the verge of an invalid's life. His
admirable physique and great endurance
remained for a time the enmeshment of the
disease. But the struggle seemed hopeless.

Although cognizant of a remarkable cure
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had performed
in his locality, indubitably proving their
great efficacy and virtue, he had little
faith in their helping him. Nevertheless, he
purchased a box of the pills and began tak-
ing them. At first he noticed no change in
the use of the pills he became convinced that
there was a change, and that change together
with a resolute of his complete restoration to
health is better told in his words.
"I determined to give them a thorough
trial and ascertain their true merits. At the
commencement I was fast nearing a phys-
ical wreck, pain racked, and strongly tem-
pered. At times I had to take the first box of Dr. Wil-
liams' Pink Pills I could not help but feel,
and my friends but notice the change that
had occurred. My periods of depression
were growing less frequent and I began
enjoying instead of dreading my night's rest.
"Could it be possible that a permanent
change for the better had occurred? It seemed
too good for me to build hopes upon, yet I
was surely improving—morale and tone were
I continued using the pills and during the
succeeding weeks I gained rapidly and with
consequence came joy. The road to re-
covery is a sunny one, no fears, no keen
anxieties, no more nervousness, a keen
delightful realizing that once more
health is near at hand, and health," he said
impressively, "is everything."

"Do you enjoy as good health now as you
did before your sickness?" queried the re-
porter.

"Yes, sir, I am strong, have a hearty
appetite and enjoy sound, refreshing sleep.
But I keep the pills ever at hand, and do
not continue." "I firmly believe that had I
not been for them I would not be here today.
I owe my life to them and am ever ready to
voice my most grateful praise in favor of
their wonderful merits."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a con-
densed form, all the elements necessary to give
new life and vigor to the blood and restore
shattered nerves. They are an unfailing spe-
cific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, par-
tial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, scurvy, neu-
ralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the
after effect of in grippe, palpitation of the
heart, and all ailments of the blood. Pink
Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent
post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents per box,
or six boxes for \$2.50 (three are never sold for
less than \$1.00) by addressing Dr. W. L. Wil-
liams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

1879—ESTABLISHED—1870

Chilson's Steam

Dye House,

134 S. State St., Decatur, Ill.

Clean or Dye Every De-
scription of Ladies' and
Gents' Clothing.

The best appliances and a thorough knowl-
edge of the business enables us to re-dye and
clean all kinds of goods in a manner un-
surpassed anywhere. Goods sent to us by mail or
express receive immediate attention.

134 South State Street, Back of Pow-
ers' Grand Opera House, Decatur, Ill.
July 27-28-29

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Perry Holman, deceased.
The undersigned having been appointed ad-
ministrator of the estate of Perry Holman, late
of the County of Macon, State of Illinois, do
hereby give notice that he will ap-
pear before the County Court of Macon county,
Illinois, on the 1st day of April next, at which
time all persons having claims against said es-
tate are notified and requested to attend for the
purpose of having the same adjusted. All per-
sons having claims against said estate are re-
quested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 10th day of February, 1897.
DAVID T. HOLMAN, Administrator.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of Macon county, State
of Illinois. In the matter of the estate of Edwin
S. Spencer.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned
has been appointed assignee of Edwin S. Spencer,
deceased, heretofore given notice that he will ap-
pear before the County Court of Macon county,
Illinois, on the 1st day of April next, at which
time all persons having claims against said es-
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sons having claims against said estate are re-
quested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 10th day of February, 1897.
W. C. DIMOCK, Assignee.

PROPOSALS.

The undersigned, assignee of the estate of M.
D. Alexander, insolvent, will receive propo-
sals for the entire stock of goods, consisting of spring
clothing, hats, shoes, etc., on hand at the
warehouse, corner of Third and Main streets, Decatur,
Ill., on or before the 1st day of March, 1897. The stock is clean,
and if desired the building can be used for the
purpose of storing the goods. All persons desiring
to make proposals should call on or write to the
undersigned at the above address.
JAN 29 1897 W. H. BROOKS, Assignee.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.

CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill.

HOUSEHOLD MEMORANDA.

A French cook says that when raw
potatoes are to be cut into long strips, as
to be fried in boiling fat, if the potatoes
are cut a quarter of an inch in thick-
ness and sliced, they will cook bet-
ter and be more puffy.

If metal teapots are not used for some
time they acquire a peculiar, unpleasant
odor, frequently giving a disagreeable
taste to the tea made in them. It is
found that this may be obviated by drop-
ping a lump of sugar into the pot when
it is put away.

When making down pillows was the
inner cover, and then the down will not
be able to work through the two
covers. To do this from the wrong side
of the tick with a hot flatiron rubbed
with beeswax, rubbing the iron over the
wax each time before putting it on the
cloth.

Old black thread or French laces that
have become rusty and need to be fresh-
ened may be renovated by dipping them
into weak green tea and pressing them
between newspapers on a flat surface.
Pick out each little scall or point with
the top paper.

A beautiful and unusual table decora-
tion at a recent dinner was unique sil-
ver candelabra resting upon large mats
made of heliotrope satin covered with
waves of tulle. Bunches of English vio-
lets nestled here and there in the tulle
and the edges of the satin were hidden
with a wealth of violets and their green
leaves.

THE SCIENCES.

Curier, Mantell, Agassiz, Owen, Ed-
ward Forbes and Blainville, all of the
present century, are considered the
fathers of paleontology, the science
which treats of the evidences of or-
ganic beings in the earth's strata.

Astrology was the invention of Chal-
dean and Egyptian priests. There is
reason to believe that astrology was
practiced in connection with astron-
omy in Chaldea and the valley of the
Nile between 4000 and 5000 years B. C.

The invention of mensuration and
surveying is attributed by some writers
to the Egyptians, the annual overflow
of the Nile carrying away landmarks,
and the boundaries of the arable fields,
necessitating surveys and the redrawing
of boundary lines.

The Greek word translated muse
meant all the circle of the arts and
sciences; everything that was taught by
the Muses. Hebrew tradition ascribed
the art now known as music to Jubal,
3875 B. C. Greek legends made Hygie-
nis, 1506 B. C., the founder of the sci-
ence.

Some writers consider Solomon to
have been the founder of ichthyology
and several other sciences. In the Tenth
century before Christ "the spoke of
trees, from the cedar tree that is in
Lebanon even unto the hyssop that is
springeth out of the wall; he spake
also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creep-
ing things, and of fishes."

OUR EXPORTS.

The shipment of American horses to
England is steadily increasing. In 1893
Great Britain took 17,373 American
horses, 23,000 in 1894 and 34,000 in 1895.

Great Britain consumed 1,100,000 tons
of meat last year, 25 per cent of which
she imported. During the first six
months of the year the United States
supplied 75 per cent of the cattle and
45 per cent of the sheep. In the Glas-
gow market cattle from the United
States compete with the very highest
quality of British cattle.

In the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and her colonies is found the principal
market for American goods. Those
English-speaking peoples bought 58
per cent of all our products last
year. Together with Germany, France,
Holland and Belgium they purchased
81.9 of our exports, leaving 18.1 per
cent for the rest of the world.

For the fiscal year just ended the ex-
ported products of the American farmers
aggregated \$570,000,000, an increase
of \$17,000,000 over the previous year.
In spite of this there was a falling off
in the percentage of agricultural prod-
ucts exported to the total exports, but
this was due to the unprecedented sale
abroad of American manufactured
goods.

FADS AND FANCIES.

The eravat of lace is deemed a dainty
addition to the fur cape.
Silver tea balls are a dainty acqui-
sition to my lady's afternoon tea table.

The new lamps with their round
globes have quite crowded out the silken
shaded affairs.

Few men know how to choose flowers
that will be acceptable to women. Nine
out of every ten far ones love violets.
This is a suggestion that may help some
puzzled masculine who had in mind a
composite bouquet with wired carnations
and ferns as its primary principle.

The decorations in Paris in honor of
the Russian emperor and empress dur-
ing their recent visit were of unusual
beauty. The large chestnut trees that
line the boulevards were made to look
as if in full bloom. This was accom-
plished by taking bunches of grapes and
pulling off the fruit. Then upon each
little bare stem were fastened small
vase flowers made in imitation of the
chestnut blossoms.

SNAKES.

Some boas and pythons have horny
hooks on the sides of the body, which
seem to be the rudiments of a pair of
hind legs.

The shell of the snake's egg is soft,
resembling that of the common hen
when no lime or other calcareous mat-
ter has been provided.

There is a tradition in many parts of
Europe that when a serpent's sight
grows dim with age he eats fennel, and
thus regains his vision.

The venom fangs of the viper and
other poisonous snakes are of a horny
nature covered with a thin layer of al-
most transparent cement.

BARGAIN COLUMN.

Advertisements, Forty words or less, each
inserted in this column at the rate of 25
cents per week, payable invariably in advance.

For Sale. For Rent. Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—Agents to sell our complexion
cream, and big profits. Crown Soap
Works, Chicago.

WANTED—Men and women to engage in a
easy paying business at home, can work
day time or evening and make \$50 to \$75 per hour
without capital, simple and complete instructions
sent for free. The World's Supply Co., Rutland, Vt.
13-40

WANTED—Carpenter, man or woman; one
competent to take charge of agents, pre-
ferred. For interview address J. W. KANAT-
SHER, City P. O. transient. 8-40

WANTED—Girl to do general housework.
Must be clean and tidy and a good cook.
Apply to Mrs. A. T. SUMMERS, 206 West Wil-
lam street. 9-40

WANTED—Position by a competent nurse
girl two years of experience. Can give
best of references. Address "M," this office.
10-40

WANTED—Vacant residence property in all
parts of the city. Have you any for
rent? Call on day for sale. E. B. R. & C.
CO., Office 235 Furniture House, South Water
street. 10-40

WANTED—Several upright, industrial prop-
erties in Illinois, as State agents, or man-
agers, for reliable houses. \$500 and ex-
traordinary positions. Enclose reference. Ad-
dress the Dominion Company, Dept. 2, Chicago.
Feb 9-40

LADIES WANTED—Who understand Dress
making and sewing, steady employ-
ment, at home, or in the city, call at the
Revere House, 120 North North street. Bring
this ad. Inquire for W. C. POWERS, Man-
ager. 10-40

FOR SALE—The best established feed mill
and feed business in the city. Also a com-
plete stock raising outfit, almost new, for sale
or trade. Call on or address 140 North
Broadway. 13-40

FOR SALE—Fine land near Beaman and
Port Arthur, Texas. Low prices. Easy
terms. Good schools, low taxes, no drought or
blizzards. Reliable crops, rice, cotton, fruits,
vegetables. Enquire of ALLINSON & FLEM-
ING, 11 City Ticket Office, Decatur, Ill.
Jan 10-40

FOR SALE—For spot cash, \$250 you can get
a fine building, very high ground, size
40x12, on North Union street. Only one left,
don't all speak at once. PETER H. BRUECK,
Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street.
Nov 13-40

FOR SALE—Here's something that will in-
crease your pocketbooks. Three line lots,
very high on North Union street, size 40x12,
\$250 apiece, or \$250 for all three. Cash, but
easy terms. Call on or address 140 North
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FOR SALE—Here's something that will in-

Vienna China Dinner Set...

116 PIECES.

Close Retail Price, \$25.

Placed on sale Monday, February 8, and will be Reduced One Dollar Each Day until sold.

Special Sale This Week. FINE CHINA PLATES.

We are quoting unheard-of prices and are showing some beautiful goods.
Please notice Prices in our Front Show Window.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

We're After Money!

So hard that any little consideration as to the actual value of the goods must not stand in our way. For instance there is our fine line of HANAN & SONS' Men's Fine Shoes in Enamel and Patent Leathers, never sold for less than \$6.00 before. Now come around and get one pair or as many pairs as you want at only \$5.00 per pair.

Prices Are Knocked Silly,

And remember all the time that these shoes which we are offering at such low prices are up-to-date in style, well made, desirable, nothing the matter except that the sizes are somewhat broken. If we can fit you we can give you a bargain such as you read about in old times but seldom see nowadays. Our ladies' handwelt shoes, dongola, vici kid sold for \$3.00 per pair and were cheap at that, now marked down to \$2.25. Ladies' hand-turned vici kid shoes, regular \$4.00 grade, and well worth that price of anybody's money, now only \$2.65 per pair. Ladies' \$2.50 vici kid shoes, in all the new toes; these shoes have been the talk of the town at the price—more appearance, style, good material and workmanship than you could get for the money anywhere else—now you can buy one pair or as many pairs of them as you want for only \$1.95 per pair. Proportionately low prices on all men's shoes.

Now Is the Accepted Time!

Now is the time to invest. If times seem tight that is all the more reason why you should save money in your purchases of footwear. We invite you to come. Hurry up while you can be sure you will be fitted. Come and save yourself rich.

F. H. Cole Shoe Co.

148 East Main St. Sign of the Bram Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

BRISTLES IN YOUR TEETH *

Are not pleasant, but you'll get them every time you use a poor toothbrush.
Get a Brush that is built right—costs a little more, but gives satisfaction.
Try our 25c Brush.

KING'S DRUG STORE,

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are requested to announce J. C. HAYES as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.
We are authorized to announce P. R. PROVOST as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.
We are authorized to announce JAMES O'MARA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.
We are authorized to announce O. W. SMITH as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.
We are authorized to announce WILLIAM RUDIN as a candidate for Commissioner of Highways, subject to the action of the Republican township convention.
We are authorized to announce J. T. LLOYD as a candidate for Constable, subject to the decision of the Republican township convention.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Drink Cool's 25c combination coffee.
You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kock.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-24.
The Wabash will not withdraw from the joint traffic association.

Remember the grand masque ball at the Turner hall, Feb. 17.—9-11.
Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Feb 25-26.

Don't fail to attend the Baptist Sunday school concert, Feb. 13. It will be a treat; 10c and 15c.—13-14.
Take the Vandalia-Pennsylvania for Washington, D. C., reduced rates for the inauguration.

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.
Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

The rapid sale of Irwin's Kola Celery compound is evidence of its being a superior preparation.

Do you want any Cracker Meal? Call up Telephone 344.
11-13 Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

To date, forty-six have professed conversion at Grace mission. The meetings will continue until next Thursday evening.

Costumes for the grand masque ball to be given by the Turners can be rented for from 50c to \$2.00. F. P. Black at O. & W. shoe store, 118 Merchant street.

The regular men's meeting of the Y. M. C. A. will be held tomorrow afternoon at the rooms in the Columbia block. E. P. Irving will lead. His subject will be "Forgiveness of Iniquity and Transgression." All young men are invited to attend.

Olive Branch Camp, No. 218, Royal Neighbors, will give a valentine social in K. of P. hall in Powers' block on Monday night, Feb. 15. Admission 10 cents including sandwiches and coffee. A short program will be given followed by dancing and a cake will be given the couple judged the best waltzers.

The Grace M. E. Sunday school has purchased of S. M. Lutz an elegant Emerson piano for use in the Sunday school. In addition to this they have a mandolin orchestra and the largest school in the city. The average attendance is over 400 and they are making an effort to build up the school to 500. If you are not attending elsewhere you are very cordially invited to attend the Grace Sunday school, which is held at 2 p. m.

Special Notice.
New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-14-15

HALF PRICE ON PLASTERS.
West's Drug Store.
Alcock's Plasters.....2 for 25c
Belladonna Plasters.....2 for 25c
Strengthening Plasters.....2 for 25c

Decatur Tailoring Co.,
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LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

Appropriate Exercises Held at Grand Army Post Hall.

The handsome hall of Grand Army Post, 141, was prettily decorated with plants, flowers and flags last night on the occasion of the observance of the 86th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the martyred president. The members of Col. L. C. Pugh Camp, No. 14, Sons of Veterans, assisted by the S. of V. Ladies' Aid society, had charge of the exercises, which were thoroughly patriotic in song, prayer and addresses. This was the program:

Song—America.
Prayer—Rev. J. A. F. King.
Vocal Solo—Miss Lena Martin.
Address—Dr. W. H. Penhalligon.
Violin and Piano Duet—Misses Abel and Phillips.
Short Addresses—Rev. Archie Ward and L. F. Muzzy.

Song, "The Tie That Binds,"—Accompanied by Mrs. T. J. Ahol.
Pictures of Lincoln appropriately draped with flags and bunting were displayed, and there was also shown a picture of Lincoln's old home at Springfield. Guilette & Son furnished the floral decorations for the occasion.

The address by Dr. Penhalligon was a patriotic tribute to the noble man whom all the people delight to honor. It was largely a review of the life and grand deeds of the president. The remarks by Rev. Archie Ward and L. F. Muzzy were appropriate. W. F. Calhoun was to have been one of the speakers but he received a telegram late Thursday night calling him away on important business and could not fill the engagement. The meeting was a big success. The ladies served refreshments during the evening.

CAME OUT \$50 AHEAD.

Like the Institute and Exhibit the Financial Side of the Farmers' Meeting was a Success.

It is gratifying to know that the management of the farmers' county institute and exhibit at the court house this week, came out ahead financially, thanks to the liberality of the business men in placing cards in the program and to the state for the regulation allowance of \$50. Here is the showing:

Receipts—All Sources.
Program advertising.....\$ 84 00
Sale of products at exhibit.....45 30
Amount from state fund for county institute.....50 00
Total.....\$179 30

Expenditures.
Paid for premiums.....\$45 25
Other institute expenses.....45 35
Total.....\$90 60
Cash balance.....\$88 70

In the above statement no reference is made to the amounts that will have to be paid out for the expenses of the visiting speakers who came here to address the institute. It is probable that after those items are paid there will be a balance of about \$40 or \$50.

AN OLD MURDER.

Sensational Indictment at Monticello—Murder Will Out.

The Platt county grand jury at Monticello last night returned an indictment charging Fred Fales and Ous Woolington with the murder of Thompson Hickman in Monticello in April, 1893. Hickman's body was put on the railroad track, and at first it was believed his death was caused by accident. It is understood the grand jury regarded the evidence against Fales and Woolington as conclusive. Fales is now in the penitentiary at Chester, and Woolington was arrested at Decatur Friday. He has been taken to Monticello for trial.

The Brownies Coming.
In C. B. Jefferson, Klaw & Branger's magnificent "spectacular production," "Palmer Cox's Brownies," which will be witnessed at the Grand opera house on next Saturday night for the first time in Decatur, the funniest characters ever seen on the stage are introduced. Those quaint, whimsical creations of Palmer Cox, the Brownies, with their big pop-eyes, round, smiling faces, fat stomachs and spindling legs, are known to nearly everybody. In the great extravaganza, which has been the talk of all New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago, they experience all sorts of mishaps and adventures. In one of the twelve elaborate scenes they are represented on a raft in midocean. A storm, the raft goes to pieces and the Brownies are left struggling on the waters. In another scene the Brownies undergo the horrors of an earthquake and a volcano. Over one hundred people will be in the production and seats for the performance here will be precisely the same as those in New York and Chicago, and Palmer Cox will in person direct the performance.

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In Jail.
Eugene Cussins was put in the city prison this afternoon for causing a row at his home.

Resigned.
Hon. R. A. Gray of Blue Mound, has tendered his resignation as a trustee of the state historical library. The library contains volumes pertaining to the history of Illinois.

The Leonard Dance.
There will be a large dancing party at Guard's Armory Monday night, complimentary to Prof. R. B. Leonard, who is seriously ill. Many tickets have been sold to friends.

Sent Over for 30 Days.
George Francis and John Athey were in the county court today to plead guilty to the indictment for petit larceny. Each was fined \$1 and sentenced to the county jail for thirty days.

Died in Kansas.
Mrs. B. F. Goodrich, formerly of Decatur, died on Feb. 3, of old age and paralysis at Topeka, Kan. The deceased had many friends in this community who will be grieved to learn of her death.

Taken to Pontiac.
Today Sheriff Nicholson left for the state reform school at Pontiac. He had in charge LaGrange Smith who was sentenced in court yesterday for robbery. The young man is 16 years of age.

In St. Louis.
Will Potter, Jr., the defaulting deputy postmaster at Maroa, at last accounts, was at St. Louis. He has written home to learn whether or not he shall return. It is probable that he will be told to return. The shortage has been made good.

J. T. Lloyd for Constable.
Elsewhere in these columns appears the announcement of John T. Lloyd as a candidate for constable subject to the action of the Republican township convention. Mr. Lloyd has for six years past been an employee of the City Electric Street Railway company and is a gentleman fully qualified to perform the duties of the constable's office.

Will Speak of the Unspeakable.
"The Turk and His Atrocities, Particularly Upon the Armenians," will be the subject of a lecture to be delivered in the Congregational church at 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon by the Rev. J. L. Gay of Bevier, Mo. There will be no charge for admission, but a collection will be taken up at the close for the benefit of the lecturer.

Illustrated Lecture.
The Grand was well filled last night on the occasion of the entertainment given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. star course. The attraction was Prof. Louis Favour, the subject of whose illustrated lecture was "Frictional Electricity." It was a scientific demonstration of the mysterious force of electricity manifested by the use of a variety of valuable appliances. Many new ideas were advanced and old theories exploded. A new light from water was shown, wonderful in brilliancy. It was a highly instructive entertainment.

Personal.
—Edward B. Judson of Tacoma, Wash., is in the city visiting friends.
—The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Powers is ill of measles.
—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Brown of Burlington, Ill., are in the city today.
—Dr. H. C. Jones was in Elwin this morning on professional business.
—Mrs. D. S. Hill of Indianapolis, is in the city visiting her son, Frank Hill.
—Mrs. Bert Hardy, who has been ill of the grip for some time past, is recovering.
—Attorney McIntosh has about recovered from a severe attack of the grip.
—D. Y. Stafford of Monticello, who has been visiting in the city, left yesterday for St. Louis.
—Prof. Sheppard, principal of the high school, went to Bloomington this morning on business.
—Mrs. Ed Lax of this city, was at Jacksonville Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Emma Roarick.
—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dumont, who have been visiting in New Orleans for the past three weeks, have arrived home.
—Frank Dickson of Vandavia, was in the city today on business. Frank is now in the state's attorney's office at Vandavia.
—Miss Claudia Bullard, who has been visiting in the city with the family of A. S. Knauff, left today for her home in St. Louis.
—Miss Grace Gillmore came over from Jacksonville last evening to spend a few days at Grace M. E. parsonage with her parents.
—Mrs. H. C. Montgomery is suffering with an attack of the grip at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Zollars, at Macon.
—Prof. J. N. Wilkinson, formerly principal of the Decatur high school, now the second man in the faculty of the State Normal school at Emporia, Kan., paid us a call today. He will spend Sunday at Bethany with his brothers and next week will attend the national convention of schoolmasters to be held at Indianapolis.
To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.
Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 20c.
Candidates for township offices are multiplying.

ENDEAVOR NEWS.

The western railroad lines centering in Chicago and St. Louis and all other trans-continental railroads in any way interested in California business, have agreed to sell tickets to and from California for the Christian Endeavor convention, which is to be held at San Francisco, July 7 and 12, at the following prices: From Chicago and return, \$51; from St. Louis and return, \$47.50. Delegates are expected to select their own routes and tickets will be good via the usual direct diverse routes. Or, in other words, you may go out one way and return another. If you desire to return from San Francisco by any of the northern lines there will be an extra charge to Portland, Ore., of \$1.00 by steamer and \$7.50 via Santa route. Going out stopover will be allowed at Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Cheyenne and west thereof including points in the following states and territories: Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Begin now to plan in earnest for the trip. The trip alone will be a liberal education to any one who has not already been across. At the last state executive meeting held in Chicago it was decided to adopt the Christian Endeavor News of Chicago, as the state Christian Endeavor paper.

The members of the C. P. Christian Endeavor society will organize a major society Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The First M. E. society held an interesting meeting last Monday evening. Miss Mendenhall, the state missionary superintendent, was present and delivered an address.

The Baptist society will conduct a prayer and praise service at the Anna B. Millikin home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The Presbyterian society will hold its annual denominational meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30. The different boards of their church will be represented by the members of their society. A very interesting and instructive meeting is expected. A very cordial invitation is extended to the older members of their church and any others who will come.

The Baptist society has made \$2 for the missionary fund by tacking comforters. The executive committee of the Presbyterian society will meet Monday evening, Feb. 15.

The Baptist society will hold a denominational meeting Monday night at 7:30. Miss Ethel Dimock will preside.

The Joe Smallwood insurance case was up in the circuit court this forenoon. Only the attorneys and the parties to the suit were in court.

This has been something of a rainy spring day. Farmers say it is a weather breeder and that we had better look out for squalls.

The proposed Oriental hall has been indefinitely postponed.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 13, 1897.
The REPUBLICAN is indebted to H. Z. Lippert, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations:

	Open- ing.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—February.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
May.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
July.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Sept.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Nov.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Dec.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Jan.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Feb.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Mar.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Apr.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
May.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
June.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
July.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Aug.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Sept.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Oct.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
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